

Vietnam Veterans Bonus Bill

Senate File 578

(Successor to SF 453)

Executive Summary Only

Last Action:

**Senate Appropriations
Committee**

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An Act creating a Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus for a certain period of active duty military service, making an appropriation, and providing a tax exemption and a penalty.

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**VIETNAM VETERANS BONUS FUND
APPROPRIATION**

- Creates a Vietnam Veterans Bonus Fund.
- Appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund for FY 2008 for the Vietnam Veterans Bonus Fund and permits the carryforward of remaining funds into FY 2009.
- Requires the Commission of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Veteran Affairs to administer the Bonus Program.

ELIGIBILITY FOR \$500 BONUS

- Eligibility for the Vietnam Veterans Bonus of up to \$500 per veteran includes:
 - Served on active duty in the Vietnam service area for at least 120 days between July 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975.
 - Maintained Iowa residency for six months prior to active duty.
 - Did not receive a similar bonus from another State.

ELIGIBILITY FOR \$300 BONUS

- Eligibility for the Vietnam Veterans Bonus of up to \$300 per veteran includes:
 - Served on active duty for at least 120 days between July 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975, but not in the Vietnam service area.
 - Maintained Iowa residency for six months prior to active duty.
 - Did not receive a similar bonus from another State.

SURVIVOR ELIGIBILITY

- Permits one survivor of each eligible deceased veteran to be eligible for the \$300 or \$500 bonus.

TAX EXEMPTION

- Exempts the bonus payments from taxes.

FALSE STATEMENT PENALTY

- Provides a penalty of a serious misdemeanor for a false application

Summary Data

General Fund

	Actual FY 2006 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2007 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Approp FY 2008 <u>(3)</u>	Senate Approp vs. Est 2007 <u>(4)</u>
Health and Human Services	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Grand Total	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

Health and Human Services General Fund

	Actual FY 2006 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2007 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Approp FY 2008 <u>(3)</u>	Senate Approp vs. Est 2007 <u>(4)</u>
<u>Veterans Affairs, Department of</u>				
Veterans Affairs, Department of Vietnam Veterans Bonus - GF	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Total Veterans Affairs, Department of	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>
Total Health and Human Services	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 500,000</u></u>